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COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS URGE RESIDENTS TO REFILL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION



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Tampa, Fla. – As Hurricane Dorian approaches the area, the Florida Department of Health in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties is urging residents to refill their prescription medication. At this time, it is not known how the hurricane will impact the region, but it's important to make sure required prescription medication is available.

It is recommended that residents have a minimum two-week supply of all prescription medications. Also, residents should ensure their medication is kept current and has not expired.

Those who take prescription medication should also keep a list of all their prescription medications, dosages and any other special instructions with their emergency medication supply.

[According to Florida law](#), people can obtain a 30-day refill of their prescription medication - even if they have just refilled it - ONLY if they reside in a county that:

- Is under a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service; or
- Is under a state of emergency executive order declared by the Governor; or
- Has activated its emergency operations center/emergency management plan

Under these specific circumstances listed above, any health insurer, managed care organization or other entities licensed by the Office of Insurance Regulation must waive the "refill too soon" restrictions on prescriptions.

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